

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the
Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty
June 22, 1998

Dear _____:

In accordance with Condition (5)(C) of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification on the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted by the Senate of the United States on May 14, 1997, enclosed is the Report on CFE Compliance.

The Report is provided in both a classified and unclassified version.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Richard A. Gephardt, House minority leader; Jesse Helms, chairman, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Remarks on Signing the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education
Reform Act of 1998 and an Exchange With Reporters
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The President. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Carlson, for your very eloquent and enlightening statement and for the work you do every day as a farmer, both with your crops and with the bison. When Dan Glickman said you have bison, I saw a lot of people's eyebrows go up. We've come a long way since Teddy Roosevelt saved the buffalo with the national park. We went from millions of head in the West and the high plains down to only 20 known head of buffalo when Teddy Roosevelt actually established that national preserve. Now we've got enough that we know they'll be there with folks like you farming, and we appreciate that.

Thank you, Secretary Glickman, for the truly outstanding job you do as Secretary of Agriculture. I would like to thank Senators Lugar and Harkin and Congressmen Smith and Stenholm. And I would also like to thank Congressman Becerra, the head of the Hispanic caucus, for the work he did, and all the other Members of Congress who are here.

We are joined by a number of local officials who had great interest in this legislation, including but I'm sure not limited to L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chicago City Treasurer Miriam Santos, Virginia State Delegate Karen Darner. I would also like to thank all

the representatives of our country's farmers and ranchers who are here, the religious leaders, our immigrant and antihunger advocates.

This is a very good day for me personally for two reasons. First of all, you heard Secretary Glickman give you the official population of the town in which I was born. It's about 50 percent larger than it was when I was born there, but all my mother's people came from a little town called Bodcaw, which still has only 50 people in it. And I have on my desk upstairs a picture of my grandfather with his family in 1907. Just about all of them were farmers, and when they were forced to leave the land and come into the large city of Hope, most of them kept little plots of land out in the country for decades where they kept their hand in, and they continued to grow their crops and harvest them even when they could no longer themselves make a living on the land. And when I was a boy, it was part of the ritual of every summer that I would go out and help them work the land, when I wasn't in school, and in the fall help them to bring in everything from vegetables to watermelon. I don't know if watermelon is a fruit or vegetable; I think it's something in between.

Also, when I was Governor, I governed a State which had a lot of people who didn't have